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Soul

Its Origin, Purposes, and
Program of Services



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WE FEEL sure that each one of our members of the Rosicrucian Brotherhood will be inexpressibly happy to know more about that Beautiful and inspiring creation of our Imperator, H. Spencer Lewis, which he has so aptly called, "The Cathedral of the Soul."

Those of us who have been closely associated with him during the past twenty years or more know that since the days of his first contact with the principles of the Rosicrucian teachings he has had one all-absorbing desire to bring into the lives of men and women a more intimate and satisfying contact with the Spiritual, Cosmic powers and principles that establish Peace, Harmony, Light, Life, and Love, in the soul of each being.

We have known also that he found a way to reach beyond the consciousness of self into the consciousness of the Cosmic, and there dwell for moments of time to find inspiration, illumination, and contact with hundreds who were being slowly and properly prepared to meet him there. He communed with the Great Masters, the great teachers, and the Spiritual Minds of those who in the past learned how to repose in the Cosmic Consciousness. We have seen that he could close his eyes in the midst of business activities, strife and turmoil, anxiety, and worldly restlessness, and, oblivious to his surroundings, remain *en rapport* for a time, only to return to instant activity, inspired with a new message, a new thought, a picture, a painting, a law or a principle, a lesson or a perfect point of knowledge. It was our joy and our profit to see him make these contacts and to know that the Spiritual side of his nature could rise to such sublime heights while still with us on this plane as our leader and instructor.

But he was ever mindful of the great ambition of his life. It was his constant desire that the day might come when he could have with him in these periods of Cosmic contact the companionship of those thousands of worthy souls who looked to him for direction in progressing along the Path that would lead to the Cosmic Kingdom.

While others in their great religious and Spiritual consecration aspired to build magnificent cathedrals on this earth, whose material forms would be imposing, and whose graceful spires of steel and mortar would point heavenward while rising but a little way into the Cosmic realm, he planned a Cathedral, the elements of which could be brought together and solidified noiselessly and without the contamination of material principles in any form. He dreamed of a Cathedral whose very foundation



would be laid so high above the greatest of the earthly cathedrals that there would be no contact and no association. He visualized a Cathedral whose belfries and spires would rise into the unlimited heights of a boundless Spiritual World. In his creative imaginings, he made the plans for his Cathedral on so magnificent a scale that the portals to its grand halls would be wide enough for the millions of beings in all parts of the world to enter at one time easily and reverently. Within he would have chantries and chapels, apse and altars, adytums and sanctuaries, large enough, grand enough, beautiful enough, to be the proper dwelling place for the Spiritual Minds that would come often to its communion services, and find those things which are nourishing to the Soul and inspiring to the mind.

All through the years of 1915 to 1922 he selected those advanced and prepared initiates of the Brotherhood who could help him in his creation. Working through the long hours of the night, writing letters and papers of instruction to these several hundred associates, he prepared them and strengthened them in the method of attuning with him so that they might come together in the Cosmic and there hold communion and lay the foundation for this great Cathedral. Hundreds of letters were written, several thousand experimental contacts were made, and many hours of mental and Spiritual labor were devoted to evolving the plans and the features of this new conception of the human mind. The letters that were received from those who labored with him in this project became the inspiring documents for the future development of the Spiritual activities of our Rosy Cross fraternity.

There are those today who have passed on from this earthly life who were happy in the many contacts they made with our Imperator in the years that he enjoyed their cooperation. There are hundreds of others who never cease to speak of the joy and happiness, and the inspiring benefits that came to them through their communions and contacts in the Cosmic while aiding in the creation of this Cathedral. Silence regarding the plans and the work being carried on, was one of the essentials, and we know from letters received recently, how happy thousands of our members are to know that the great work is finished now and that announcement of the existence of the *Cathedral of the Soul* can be made.

And, the announcement has been made. In an issue of *The Rosicrucian Digest* the Imperator had the pleasure of making the first formal statement regarding this great Cathedral. After years of dreaming and planning, and many years of labor and extreme mental effort, always looking toward the day when he could make such an announcement, it was typical of him and his nature to do so with conservatism, and with restrained joy and happiness. The mastership of his development and the attainment of his spiritual growth are evident in every word and phrase of that brief announcement. Yet it was like an electric flash that animated the Spiritual reactions of thousands of our



members: for within a few days after its publication our offices were flooded with letters expressing joy and Spiritual elation regarding the Cathedral and pleading for more knowledge about it. At the time this pamphlet is being prepared, letters and cablegrams regarding the Cathedral have come from all parts of the world, and in the hearts and minds of many thousands the Cathedral is now a Cosmic reality.

What It Means to Our Members

It is my pleasure to submit to our members some of the details regarding this Cathedral, and knowledge as to how our members may benefit by its existence. In the first place, any attempt to depict the Cathedral in lines or shades, form or color, of any concrete nature, cannot do justice to the Spiritual conception which each one must build in his own mind. As a symbol of the Cathedral we have adopted a picture shown in this pamphlet drawn by the pen of the Emperor himself so that we may have an emblem by which to express a reflection of our Spiritual ideas. This symbol contains many of the elements which the Emperor had in his mind as being typical of the magnificence and inspiring grandeur of the *invisible* Cathedral, and we hope that none of our members will permit the material symbol to supplant in their minds the more magnificent Spiritual conception.

In this Cathedral provision has been made for a *Cosmic Choir* where the voices of specially prepared members of our organization here in America, and in other lands, will be heard at times chanting and singing the sacred anthems that have been composed by inspired Masters of our organization in the past. At other times those who contact this Cathedral and dwell in it will hear the *Music of the Spheres* and the *Cosmic Melodies* as though played upon the greatest organ the world has ever known. In the East of this Cathedral our members will find a beautiful altar in a magnificent apse, illuminated by the violet light of Cosmic vibrations. Above the altar will be suspended by magnetic forces, a *jeweled TRIANGLE*, with point downward. This is the emblem of the *Cosmic Trinity*. The three symbols at its corners, blazing with violet fire, represent *LIGHT, LIFE, LOVE* — the Cosmic names of the *TRIUNE GODHEAD*. From the center of the dais, will come the voice of the *visible* or *invisible* Master or Teacher who at times will instruct and inspire our members with messages and illuminating lessons. There will be Alcoves and small Chapels on each side of the Cathedral's nave, in which the individual member may dwell alone, in silent meditation and prayer, seeking peace and consolation in times of suffering and anguish. There will be communion rooms in which members may meet the Masters and speak with them and receive direct illumination and instruction, advice, and guidance.



Daily Communion Services


On certain days of each week there will be various convocations held in this great Cathedral by the coming together of the minds of thousands of our members attuned throughout the world to this focalized and centralized area of Cosmic Consciousness. Some of these convocations will be for worship, others will be for instruction, and still others for healing treatments. In the monthly magazine called *The Rosicrucian Digest* we shall publish from time to time in a separate place on one of the pages, a program of the time and nature of the various special convocations in the Cathedral, so that all our members, in whatever part of the world they may reside, may know at what hour and on what day these convocations will be held, and thereby know when to enter into the Silence of their homes and attune themselves with the Cathedral.

As part of the magnanimous plans of the Emperor, he will have definite periods throughout the month when he, personally, will direct the healing work in the Cathedral, and all who are suffering may attune themselves with the Cathedral at those hours when he will attune and commune with them and bring the power of Cosmic forces into their beings, and through God's Omnipotent Laws cleanse them of their ills and let them go forth pure and free from suffering. At other hours he will meet in communion with those who want the inspiring touch of Fellowship and Cosmic Companionship; and at other times the Emperor will bring the *Holy Assembly* in contact with some of the Great Masters of the *Great White Lodge* who will expound an inspiring message. Therefore, by watching the pages of *The Rosicrucian Digest* each month our members, in any degree or in any part of the work, may take advantage of the periods stated therein, and attune themselves with the Cathedral and enjoy its beautitudes and beneficent blessings.

How to Attune With the Cathedral

At whatever hour we may wish to attune ourselves with the Cathedral and enjoy the contact and communion we shall proceed as follows:

First, we shall wash our hands in clean water and dry them well as a symbol of the cleansing of our bodies to enter the Cathedral. Then we shall take a drink of cold water as a symbol of the cleansing of our mouths that they may be pure and free from any utterances that would be improper in the presence of the Masters and the Spiritual Minds assembled in the Cathedral. Then we shall sit in silence in some place in the home where we may be alone, whether in the dark or in the light, and, closing our eyes, we shall say this brief prayer in soundless words:



"May the Divine Essence of the Cosmic infuse my being and cleanse me of all impurities of mind and body, that I may enter the Cathedral of the Soul, and Commune in pureness and worthiness. So mote it be!"

By this prayer we shall purge our minds and cleanse our thoughts of any ideas that would be *unworthy* within the sacred Cathedral. Then we shall remain seated, and with eyes closed, visualize the consciousness within us rising higher and higher, above and beyond the limits of material existence, to that *Cosmic World* to which our consciousness will seem to be drawn by the very purity of its nature. We shall sit thus in *desire* to reach the Cathedral until we feel by a coolness of the atmosphere, by a peacefulness in the body, by a restfulness in the mind, and a sense of joy, that we have entered into the Holy of Holies—a place of quiet and peace, power and perfection. When special ceremonies are being conducted by one of the Masters of the Great White Lodge, the Triangle over the altar will be especially bright in its violet illumination.

When there is a healing period in the Cathedral, as stated in the magazine schedule, we are to remain passive for the period of the healing convocation and thereby permit the Emperor or others to contact our consciousness in the Cathedral, and through it reach our bodies and cleanse them. If there is a period for music and song, consolation or instruction, we shall remain quiet and passive for the period stated in the magazine schedule until we sense the contacts being made, or hear a message that is being given, or feel the magnetic touch of Spiritual Companionship. Then we will know that a sympathetic and understanding mind and a Spiritual Power have attuned with our consciousness, and through it our bodies and our earthly senses.

We may remain in such contact for longer or shorter periods than those given in the magazine schedule, or we may withdraw when the definite period is over by simply closing the convocation with the following words:

"May the Grace of God, and the Benediction of the Masters, Bless my communion."

Members may contact the Cathedral at other periods of the day or night than those stated in the magazine schedule, for we know from our years of preparation that hundreds or, maybe, thousands of members, will reach up to the Cathedral and enter therein during practically every hour of the day and night, according to the variation of time in the different countries and according to the desires of the members for contact with this Holy place. No matter when you may wish to contact and enter the silence of the *Cathedral of the Soul*, you will prepare yourselves, use the Prayer, and find others dwelling there in Spiritual thought and Holy Communion.



There are no other rules and regulations regarding the process for making the contact with the Cathedral than those stated above. Considerable time has been given to the preparation of these instructions to make sure that every point that might be given to our members has been included. The method of making the contact is more or less an individual one with each member and all we can do is to tell you the general method, and have you work out your own processes and there *earn* as well as *learn* "The Way" to the Cathedral. Remember the words of the Master Jesus, "I am the Way!" "The Way" is through the Spirit of Christ, through the principle of the *Christus*, through the Divinity of your soul, and your longings and desires.

Therefore, there is little use in writing to any of us asking for more definite instruction or advice regarding attunement with the Cathedral, for we can hardly say more than what has been said here, and each must discover for himself the heights that he must attain, the thoughts that he must hold, the purging of his mind and consciousness that must take place, each time he seeks to find "The Way" to the Cathedral of the Soul. Sometimes it will be found easily and quickly; at other times with difficulty and delay. All will depend upon our *worthiness* on the day, and at the hour, that we approach the attunement. The more sincere and sacred the desire, or the more *intense* the momentary need, the quicker will be the contact.

Reports of Your Contacts

Any reports of your contacts with the Cathedral, or of any unusual experiences that you think would be of interest for our files and records, we shall be glad to have you send to us, and these should be addressed to the Emperor, personally, by directing the letter to H. Spencer Lewis, F. R. C., care AMORC Temple, Rosicrucian Park, San Jose, California. Remember that members in any degree of the work, or in any branch of our organization throughout the world, have the privilege and the joy to make contacts with the Cathedral at the hours stated in the regular or special schedules, or at any other time when there is a desire for illumination on any problem of life, instruction on any point of special information, or for healing, consolation, or inspiration in the higher ways of living.

May Peace Profound abide with you ever, and may the Spiritual effulgence of the *Cathedral of the Soul* envelop and ensconce you, lifting you to great heights eternally!





DAILY SERVICE PERIODS

| | 1ST PERIOD | 2ND PERIOD | 3RD PERIOD | 4TH PERIOD |
|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| EASTERN TIME | 9 to 9:05 a.m. | 12 to 12:05 M | 3 to 3:05 p.m. | 9 to 9:05 p.m. |
| CENTRAL TIME | 8 to 8:05 a.m. | 11 to 11:05 a.m. | 2 to 2:05 p.m. | 8 to 8:05 p.m. |
| MOUNTAIN TIME | 7 to 7:05 a.m. | 10 to 10:05 a.m. | 1 to 1:05 p.m. | 7 to 7:05 p.m. |
| PACIFIC TIME | 6 to 6:05 a.m. | 9 to 9:05 a.m. | 12 to 12:05 M | 6 to 6:05 p.m. |

FOREIGN MEMBERS should examine the table of Foreign times,
shown on another page.

NATURE OF SERVICE

CONSOLATION

In grief, sorrow, bereavement, disappointment.

MONDAY, 2nd Period WEDNESDAY, 3rd Period FRIDAY, 4th Period

PEACE

In strife, restlessness, and fatigue.

TUESDAY, 2nd Period THURSDAY, 3rd Period SATURDAY, 4th Period

STRENGTH

In tests, trials, temptations, and illnesses.

WEDNESDAY, 1st Period FRIDAY, 2nd Period SATURDAY, 3rd Period
MONDAY, 4th Period

FELLOWSHIP

In loneliness, despondency, and sorrow.

SUNDAY, 3rd Period TUESDAY, 3rd Period THURSDAY, 1st Period

HEALTH

In any illness, physical or mental error, or weakness.

MONDAY, 3rd Period WEDNESDAY, 4th Period FRIDAY, 3rd Period

ILLUMINATION

For Inspiration, Wisdom, or the Solution of a Problem.

THURSDAY, 4th Period SUNDAY, 4th Period

PRAYER

For Communion with God, the Christ Spirit, and the Cosmic.


SUNDAY, 2nd Period WEDNESDAY, 2nd Period

(The above is the REGULAR schedule for all weeks of the year.)

DIFFERENCES IN TIME BETWEEN CALIFORNIA AND VARIOUS FOREIGN CITIES

| 6:00 A. M. | 9:00 A. M. | 12:00 Noon | 6:00 P. M. | At San Jose, California (Pacific Time). |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| 3:30 A. M. Same Day | 6:30 A. M. Same Day | 9:30 A. M. Same Day | 3:30 P. M. Same Day | At Honolulu. |
| 7:24 A. M. Same Day | 10:24 A. M. Same Day | 1:24 P. M. Same Day | 7:24 P. M. Same Day | At Mexico City. |
| 8:31 A. M. Same Day | 11:31 A. M. Same Day | 2:31 P. M. Same Day | 8:31 P. M. Same Day | At Havana, Cuba. |
| 9:17 A. M. Same Day | 12:17 P. M. Same Day | 3:17 P. M. Same Day | 9:17 P. M. Same Day | At Santiago, Chili. |
| 11:00 A. M. Same Day | 2:00 P. M. Same Day | 5:00 P. M. Same Day | 11:00 P. M. Same Day | At Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. |
| 1:35 P. M. Same Day | 4:35 P. M. Same Day | 7:35 P. M. Same Day | 1:35 A. M. Next Day | At Dublin, Ireland, and Gold Coast, Africa. |
| 2:00 P. M. Same Day | 5:00 P. M. Same Day | 8:00 P. M. Same Day | 2:00 A. M. Next Day | At London, Brussels, Havre, Lisbon, Madrid, Paris. |
| 2:20 P. M. Same Day | 5:20 P. M. Same Day | 8:20 P. M. Same Day | 2:20 A. M. Next Day | At Amsterdam, Holland. |
| 3:00 P. M. Same Day | 6:00 P. M. Same Day | 9:00 P. M. Same Day | 3:00 A. M. Next Day | At Berne, Copenhagen, Hamburg, Berlin, Vienna, Rome. |
| 4:00 P. M. Same Day | 7:00 P. M. Same Day | 10:00 P. M. Same Day | 4:00 A. M. Next Day | At Leningrad, Athens, Constantinople, Cairo, Natal. |
| 7:30 P. M. Same Day | 10:30 P. M. Same Day | 1:30 A. M. Next Day | 7:30 A. M. Next Day | At Bombay, India. |
| 10:00 P. M. Same Day | 1:00 A. M. Next Day | 4:00 A. M. Next Day | 10:00 A. M. Next Day | At Hongkong, China. |
| 11:00 P. M. Same Day | 2:00 A. M. Next Day | 5:00 A. M. Next Day | 11:00 A. M. Next Day | At Yokohama, Japan. |
| Midnight | 3:00 A. M. Next Day | 6:00 A. M. Next Day | Noon Next Day | At Melbourne, Australia. |
| 1:30 A. M. Next Day | 4:30 A. M. Next Day | 7:30 A. M. Next Day | 1:30 P. M. Next Day | At New Zealand. |

NOTE—Those living near these cities can easily determine the correct time for their locations.



The Law of AMRA

There is an ancient custom found in all the old Rosicrucian records called "The Law of AMRA." This law became a sacred doctrine with the Egyptian people, and later with the Jews in their religious practices. It was finally adopted by branches of the Christian church. It was originally a mystical law and the Rosicrucians still hold it to be a mystical law, although many modern forms of religion have turned it into a purely material law. The law of AMRA is this: If you pray to God or petition the Masters for any special help in sickness, worry, trial, tribulation, or poverty, and your prayer or petition is answered, you are obligated to make compensation not alone by a prayer of thankfulness, but by *passing along to others* some portion of the blessing you have received. If you have asked for an improvement in your health, relief from some pain or suffering, the gift of some material thing, or help in your business and social position; then, according to the law of AMRA, you should *tithe* yourself either by setting aside a small amount of money, or of some material element, which can be used to make some other person happy or at Peace with the world. Unless this is done *each time* you receive a blessing through the Cathedral, you cannot rightfully petition in the future for any other blessing.

It has been suggested by some of our members that inasmuch as many of our members will constantly contact the Cathedral for help and blessings in many ways, that they *voluntarily* adopt the law of AMRA by having a small bank in which they can deposit a few coins each time they receive some answer to their prayers. The small amounts thus deposited in this bank should be kept as a *sacred fund* and never extracted for any *personal* or *selfish* purposes. At the end of a month or at the end of every two months, the amount of money in the little bank should be taken out by you *and used by you*, to help some sick person, some child, or some local organization or movement in your city or town that is doing some good work. You should make it your business to find some way of *secretly and anonymously* doing some good with this money.

If you find it inconvenient or difficult to use this money to help someone near you, then you may send it, by means of a check or Money Order, to AMORC and the Imperator will see that it is used to help in the many ways in which he is asked by mail and otherwise for personal help in hundreds of needy cases by persons who are not members of the organization. Such checks and Money Orders may be sent with the understanding that they are to be used by the CATHEDRAL WELFARE LEAGUE and not for any propaganda work of the AMORC organization. Gifts of any kind to the Cathedral will always be used to help in spreading the work of the Cathedral or in helping those who need the blessing that you can give in this way.



The Cathedral of the Soul



(A Symbol drawn by the Imperator)